

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 34-46 without prejudice.¹

Please amend the pending claims as follows:²

In claim 54, please delete the phrase "Claim 16 or Claim 17" and replace it with --Claim 49 or Claim 50--.

In claim 55, please delete "21" and replace it with --54--.

In claim 56, please delete the phrase "Claim 10 or Claim 20" and replace it with --Claim 52 or Claim 53--.

In claim 57, please delete "23" and replace it with --56--.

In claim 59, please delete "25" and replace it with --58--.

REMARKS

The applicant herein respectfully requests further examination of the application and reconsideration of the rejections, in view of the amendments and following remarks.

Objections to the Specification

The applicant has amended the cross-reference claim to priority in the specification as recommended by the Examiner.

The applicant submits herewith a new substitute application under 37 CFR 1.125(a) with proper consecutive page numbers and all sequences followed by their sequence identifier by indicating where amendments were/are made under 37 CFR 1.121 (MPEP 608.01(q)).³ A clean copy of the marked up substitute application is also provided. Attorneys for the applicant also state herein, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.125, affirming that no new matter is added and that the new

¹ Applicant refers to the claims "14-26" added by preliminary amendment on December 20, 2000 that were subsequently properly numbered by the Examiner as 34-46.

² Attached hereto, for the convenience of the Examiner, is an Appendix entitled "COPY OF THE PENDING CLAIMS AS SET FORTH IN THIS RESPONSE/AMENDMENT".

³ The applicant respectfully refers the Examiner to an amendment and substitute specification submitted on May 23, 2001 under 37 CFR 1.125(a) with proper consecutive page numbers and all sequences followed by their sequence identifier by indicating where previous amendments were made under 37 CFR 1.121 (MPEP 608.01(q)).